

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 10, 2019 during roll call no. 163, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Delgado of New York Part A Amendment No. 4, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 164, on Agreeing to the Amendment, Wexton of Virginia Part A Amendment No. 6, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 165, on Agreeing to the Amendment, McAdams of Utah Part A Amendment No. 12, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 166, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 167, on Passage of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ANGEL MARTINEZ, LAISHA CAMPOS AND VERONICA MONCADA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud students Angel Martinez, Laisha Campos and Veronica Moncada for earning the Rookie of the Year Award for their creative and unique mobile application (app) as part of the 2019 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn STEM Launch School built an app titled "Immigration Help" to assist members of the community with immigration resources allowing the community to be a welcoming environment for new constituents.

The students of STEM Launch School spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing their STEM education. Each team built their app in less than three months which shows their perseverance and dedication to this challenge and exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school.

I extend my deepest congratulations to these students for their hard work on this project. I am certain these students will exhibit the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMIE NICHOLAU ADAMS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jamie Adams who is receiving the Citizen of the Year and Community Care Award from the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough for her tireless work improving the lives of our children.

As the principal at West Hillsborough School from 2009 to 2015 and the principal at Crocker Middle School from 2015 to the present, Ms. Adams has served Hillsborough with a dedication to students, a sense of community and forward-thinking leadership. She has always been open to feedback and input while remaining grounded in her principles which focus on what is best for all students, not only each individual student. In her own words, she strives to "uphold high academic standards, support innovative instruction, and build a sense of community among students, teachers, staff and parents on a daily basis."

Ms. Adams had devoted her entire career to education and the betterment of others. Originally from Marysville, California, she earned her BA in Sociology at UC Berkeley and her MA and Ed. D from Mills College. After college, she worked at a rehabilitation hospital in San Francisco before starting her family. She married her husband Griffith Adams 44 years ago and they have two children, Nicholau and Elizabeth. Her family, she says, is her greatest love and accomplishment.

Ms. Adams has worked at a private school for three years and in the Piedmont Unified School District for 17 years. To this day, she volunteers for the Piedmont Minor Offender Program, a program supporting minors who made poor choices and who are engaging in positive restitution for growth and development.

In her ten years at HCSD, Ms. Adams has achieved a long list of innovations and accomplishments. In 2011 and 2012, West was awarded the distinguished Kent Award for peer coaching and for "Operation Risk." Operation Risk encouraged teachers to innovate even at the risk of failure. The program was so successful that the school district asked her to expand it and made it one of five district-wide initiatives. She also brought a mindfulness program to all grades, introduced flexible classroom environments and desks to promote learning and innovation, and empowered students to establish the Principals Advisors Program.

Ms. Adams was the first principal at HCSD to create open forums to solicit both positive and negative feedback from parents. This openness to listening and trying new ideas rapidly improved the input from parents and the district subsequently adopted the model at all elementary schools.

Ms. Adams understands that the success of a child cannot be measured solely by test

scores. She is an advocate of the whole child perspective which in some cases makes it acceptable for test scores to drop for the betterment of the whole child. She oversaw the building of the environmentally friendly kindergarten wing, formalized the student council election process, and created other opportunities for students interested in leadership roles. In 2014, West was named a California Distinguished School.

When she started her tenure at Crocker Middle School in 2015, she worked her magic there. She immediately brought calm and confidence to teachers and staff. She also implemented science into the daily schedule.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Jamie Adams for her exemplary service to all children and families in Hillsborough. Her vision, wisdom and leadership have helped shape the educational system in the entire Hillsborough City School District.

HONORING NELSON CARBONELL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Nelson Carbonell, who has dedicated many years to The George Washington University (GWU), especially as the Chair of its Board of Trustees for the past six years.

Carbonell's service to GWU has been a labor of love. Carbonell first walked through the university's Professor's Gate as a teenager in the fall of 1981 during his freshman year as a scholarship student. He was eager to learn and fulfill his ambitions to become an engineer. From those first years as an undergraduate to his later years as a highly successful alumnus, Carbonell's devotion to GWU has only grown. There is no part of the university's academic, civic, athletic and cultural life that Carbonell has not touched in some way, shape or form.

Among his many contributions to GWU, Carbonell and his wife, Michele, have established an academic center within the university's athletics department to provide educational support services to student athletes. Together, they established the Nelson and Michele Carbonell Engineering Scholarship and created an endowed professorship at GWU's new Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Initiative. Over the years, Nelson Carbonell has been important to individual students and has made key contributions that help to ensure the university remains ever-committed to its missions of educating future citizen leaders and generating ideas that have a real-world impact.

Carbonell was instrumental in helping GWU select its last two presidents, whose ideas and influence on a university's culture can be as enduring as any building. He was also crucial to the construction of the largest academic

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building dedicated to science and engineering in Washington, D.C., as well as of the new, state-of-the-art Milken School for Public Health. Carbonell spearheaded the largest philanthropic campaign in GWU's history, which will empower the university to produce consequential graduates and ideas for generations.

Carbonell's pervasive positive influence on both GWU and the greater D.C. community stems not only from his abiding affection for the university, but also from his intellectual curiosity, generosity of spirit, entrepreneurial drive and his considerable leadership skills. As a leader, Carbonell demonstrated his keen ability to bring various members of the community together so each person's individual talents and role were utilized in service of the greater good.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Nelson Carbonell for his leadership and selfless service during his time at The George Washington University.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUSANNE
KIRTLAND DIETRICH'S 90TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of her 90th birthday, to recognize Susanne Kirtland Dietrich, one of the great women business leaders of her time and a true icon in the fields of fashion, advertising and cosmetics.

Susanne was born on April 26, 1929 in Norfolk, Virginia. After having worked in a variety of retail and fashion positions in New York and Philadelphia, in 1955, Susanne was named a fashion editor at Look Magazine, where she worked with some of the era's top photographers, including Milton Greene, Tony Vaccaro, and Lillian Bassman; and covered some of the most ground-breaking fashion trends of post-war America.

During this time, Susanne covered some of the era's top international icons, including Richard Burton, Marilyn Monroe, and Sophia Lauren; and worked closely with some of America's leading designers, such as Geoffrey Bean and Norman Norrell. Despite her many successes, some would still argue that one of the things Susanne is best known for is having challenged designer Rudi Gurnreich to design the first topless bathing suit for women, which he did—and eventually released in 1964.

One day, while at a photo shoot in Milton Greene's studio on the East Side of Manhattan, Susanne met a Danish immigrant and commercial artist by the name of Kurt Dietrich, whom she would later marry. Susanne and Kurt would go on to have three children—two boys, Gregg and Mark, and a daughter, Allison.

In those days, there was no such thing as paid maternity leave—or any maternity leave at all for that matter. A woman would have to save up and use vacation time to give birth to a child. And when they did return to work, these new mothers were often treated as if nothing had ever happened.

Susanne's experience was no different, but it was how well she was able to manage both

the constant demands of motherhood, while continuing to pursue her highly-successful career, that made her unique.

After the birth of her third child, Susanne decided to shake things up. She left the publishing business entirely to pursue a new career in advertising as a copywriter at AC&R. While there, Susanne worked on multiple memorable advertising campaigns, from Greek Tourism to the Wool Bureau, before eventually helping to launch Estee Lauder's newest product line, Clinique.

During this time, Susanne, a working mother with three young children, suddenly found herself as one of the trend-setting jet setters of the post-war era. She spent years traveling the globe, frequently visiting far-flung locales, such as London, Greece and the Caribbean—again, all while raising her three kids.

Eventually, Susanne's success with Clinique led to a role at Revlon where she worked closely with the company's founder, Charles Revson, and its president, Paul Woolard, to develop some of the most memorable fragrances and advertisements of the day, including "Charlie!" and "Jontue." Not only were these campaigns a success, they empowered women—especially young working women—to throw out the old rules and embrace their womanhood in a new era.

Susanne's success at Revlon eventually caught the eye of Leonard Lauder, who approached her one day and asked her to come work for him in-house at Estee Lauder. She spent the next 24 years working on products and campaigns for Clinique, Prescriptives and Estee Lauder International, before retiring in 2003 at the age of 74.

Susanne's impressive record of achievement is one that any of us would be proud of, but what makes it extra special is how she was able to do it all while raising a family.

Susanne has never considered herself a pioneer of anything, but she was—and she continues to serve as a role model for women around the world who, like her, seek to live their lives to the fullest while successfully balancing the demands of career, family and travel.

Despite her hectic schedule and the constant demands on her time, Susanne and her husband, Kurt, made it all work. They remained married for more than forty years, until Kurt's death in 1999, and together they created a beautiful home for their family in New York.

Susanne, now a grandmother to five beautiful grandchildren, always said the key to her success was never taking life too seriously. In fact, to fully understand the way Susanne embraces life, just look at the lyrics of the original 1973 jingle created for her Charlie campaign: "kinda young, kinda free, and kinda wow!" That's Susanne.

Today, at the age of 90, Susanne continues to take that advice to heart, whether she's whipping through the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle, enjoying her occasional martini, or sharing some laughs with the ones she loves the most.

I am honored to pay tribute to Susanne, who continues to inspire us all. And I wish her a very happy 90th birthday.

ALLAN TRIMBLE

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a truly great American. Coach Allan Trimble had a football coaching career spanning 3 decades, including 22 seasons at Jenks High School, piling up 242 wins and 13 state championships.

Those statistics alone are impressive, but Coach Trimble's leadership follows him off the football field. His strength of character is visible in everything he does.

Coach Trimble always strived to be a positive influence not only to his players, but to the entire student population. He still works as a mentor for our youth today, training up the future leaders of our community and state. He does this with the Trimble Strong foundation, whose mission is to bring faith, hope, and love into the lives of every person they interact with.

Coach Trimble takes to heart our calling from God to be the salt of the earth. Every person who has crossed paths with Coach Trimble can feel the impact of his faith and leadership.

Even after his diagnosis with ALS in 2016, Coach Trimble continued to be a pillar of strength, courage, and hope for his community and the students that he works with.

I congratulate Coach Trimble on a truly spectacular career and thank him for the impact he has had on not only Jenks, but all of Oklahoma.

LEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAUMA
CENTER

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lee Memorial Hospital as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of their trauma center. Serving as the only trauma center on the Gulf Coast of Florida and covering five districts with nearly 1 million residents, the trauma center has provided life-saving care to over 42,000 critically injured patients.

Trauma is Florida's leading cause of death for residents between the ages of 5 and 46. Studies have shown that patient mortality is significantly reduced when treated in a trauma center. Last year, Lee Memorial Hospital's trauma center treated more than 2,500 residents and visitors.

I congratulate Lee Health and the Lee Memorial Hospital team on providing Trauma Care to our community over the past quarter century. The contributions made to our region are priceless. I am proud to extend best wishes to those observing Trauma Awareness month during May, 2019.

IN MEMORY OF JEAN ANN
FOWARD

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of a dear friend and a remarkable woman from my community in Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Jean Ann Foward, who passed away on April 11, 2019. Jean was the wife of Dr. Derrick L. Foward, president of the Dayton chapter of the NAACP, the second largest NAACP chapter in the State of Ohio.

Jean was born in Springfield, Ohio on December 2, 1958. She spent most of her life in Dayton and attended Dayton Public Schools. She was highly recognized for her Spelling Bee talent at Jackson Elementary School. Jean graduated from Wilbur Wright High School in 1976 and pursued a degree in Business Management at Ohio University.

Jean married the love of her life, Derrick L. Foward, on July 11, 1998. Together they raised four wonderful children: Jayme, Letoia, Troy Jr., and Donte. Jean was a devoted wife and mother known throughout the community as the "Wind beneath Derrick's Wings"—as she supported him throughout his community service career. She was sweet, mild mannered, and loved dearly by her family and friends. She catered and hosted several family, community, and political gatherings at their home, where she welcomed everyone with a smile.

Jean and her husband shared a passion for the cause of justice and civil rights for all Americans. She was an equal partner and an inspiration to her husband in the fight for human rights and equality for all people. She was more than just Derrick's wife, she was a leader in her own right.

Jean was an exemplary community servant and role model. She took pride in her neighborhood and was a member of the Northern Hills Neighborhood Association. Moreover, she participated in the annual Back-To-School, Stay-In-School school supplies event.

Jean loved volunteering for the City of Dayton Feast of Giving, where she served food to hundreds of people on Thanksgiving Day. She also participated in WDAO Radio's annual Feast of Love to feed the homeless and others during the Christmas holiday season.

Jean served for 13 years as Advisor of the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council. Because of her sound financial stewardship, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council had a budget surplus from 2005 to 2018. Due to her commitment to youth development, the Littlejohn Junior NAACP Youth Council remains the only active NAACP Junior Youth Council in the State of Ohio.

Jean contributed greatly to the lives of many young people throughout the Dayton region. She exemplified phenomenal leadership in mentoring, training, and developing our youth ages 1 through 13. She encouraged them to be humble leaders and faithful community servants. During her tenure as Youth Advisor, she had the distinct honor of richly depositing hope, respect, integrity, discipline, and character into the lives of over 510 youth who joined the organization under her leadership.

Because of her outstanding community leadership, Jean was the recipient of numer-

ous awards that include: the International Apostolic University of Grace and Truth (IAUGT) Appreciation Award (2002); the Dayton Unit NAACP President's Award (2011); the Youth Empowerment Award (2013) the Stellar Attendance Awards (2010 through 2017); the General Membership Award (2018); and the Christian Women Coalition Senior Citizen Trailblazer Award (2018).

I am deeply saddened by the loss of a longtime personal friend and outstanding public servant whose many contributions to the community she loved will always be remembered. The Dayton region was blessed to have benefited from the good deeds of this exceptional mother, wife, mentor, and civil rights champion. Let us remember Jean by following her example and committing ourselves to spreading love, serving our communities, and working with our neighbors to achieve equal opportunity and justice for all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences and prayers to Dr. Derrick Foward upon the loss of his beloved wife Jean Ann Foward, and their children, family members, and their many friends. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring her memory.

**HONORING VICTORIA HINOJOS FOR
RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT
GOLD AWARD**

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brownsville, Texas native Victoria Hinojos, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Victoria joins a selective group of scouts, and she should be proud of this recognition. The Girl Scouts of the USA Gold award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The award is contingent upon earning four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and completing the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. A scout must also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

For her Gold Project, Victoria assisted families affected by domestic violence in the Rio Grande Valley. I am impressed with her efforts to provide the Friendship of Women Shelter in Brownsville with additional resources. She went above and beyond the expectations, raising awareness in the community and collaborating with partners, local organizations, and fellow Girl Scout Gold Awardee—Hannah Edelstein.

In addition to her personal development within the Girl Scouts, Victoria excels at Saint Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas, earning second honors since freshman year. She is an active member of the National Art Honors Society, Rotary Interact Club, and the Varsity Dance team. Additionally, she teaches tap dance classes at the Brownsville Dance Center, highlighting her leadership skills outside of the classroom.

It is a great honor to recognize Victoria. Her work and service make our district a better community, and I am confident that the skills

and life lessons she learns through Girl Scouts will prove to be invaluable in her future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her achievements, work, and service.

HONORING DALE FREEMAN

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Dale Freeman. Mr. Dale Freeman was simply the best teacher I had at any level of education. More than any other instructor, he taught me how to think independently and creatively. He taught me how to be disciplined in the basic foundations of writing and critical thinking. Having a solid foundation is essential to creativity because it provides a place to return to after exploring new ideas. Mr. Freeman truly loves learning and teaching. He cares deeply about his students and made them better equipped to handle the world around them. In fact, his work with students has given them the tools to shape the world around them. He is a compassionate person and I am so proud to have had him as an instructor.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF
CLINTONVILLE POLICE CHIEF
JAMES BEGGS**

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief James Beggs' 44 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief James Beggs began working for the Clintonville Police Department as a full-time Patrol Officer in September of 1975. Through hard work and dedication, he rose up in the ranks of the department from Patrol Lieutenant to Police Patrol Captain, a position he held for 22 years. In 2016, Beggs was promoted to Police Chief, a position he served in for three years.

Throughout his career, Chief Beggs served his community in capacities that went far beyond his role as Police Chief. During his 44 years of service with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs served as a firearms instructor for the Clintonville Police Department, served 13 years with the Clintonville Area Ambulance Service, and 14 years on the Waupaca County SWAT Team. Outside of his work with the Clintonville Police Department, Chief Beggs achieved a number of academic successes, including an Associates Degree in Police Science. He also attended the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development School where he was trained in emergency management, crisis negotiations, internal affairs, and first level leadership, as well as Homeland Security-Weapons of Mass Destruction.

During Chief James Beggs' 44-year career with the Clintonville Police Department, he went above and beyond to serve and protect his community. His dedication to and his leadership in Northeast Wisconsin stands as a

model for all police officers and citizens who strive to make a positive contribution to their community.

Chief Beggs leaves large shoes to fill and the impact that he has had on his community will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Chief Beggs will be missed by the officers he worked with and by the community to which he dedicated his career. As Chief Beggs steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader for Clintonville and the surrounding area.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Chief Beggs for his 44 years of service with the Clintonville Police Department.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Labor-Management Council (LMC) of Greater Kansas City's fortieth year serving the Greater Kansas City Area. Since the LMC was founded in 1979, they have grown to include membership from eighty organizations, including corporations, unions, governments, and nonprofits within the local area.

In 1979, members of the Kansas City business community who all cared deeply about the labor and management process came together to form the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City. During the ensuing years, Bob Jacobi Jr. provided steadfast and enthusiastic service as Executive Director of the LMC through his leadership and his passion for public service. It has been my honor and pleasure to partner with the LMC on various occasions as they sought to create an open and equal collaboration between local government and organizations of all sizes in our city.

As a trailblazer in the Greater Kansas City area since their founding, the Labor-Management Council (LMC) has focused on providing the tools for employees to successfully negotiate with their employers for better benefits. The LMC developed the statutory framework of collective bargaining where employees could advocate for things like better healthcare and reduction of employment uncertainty. The LMC supported legislative proposals to provide relief via safety net hospitals for workers and Medicaid coverage for the newly unemployed and the uninsured. They continue to advocate for a system where every citizen can have their voice heard, and inclusion in the workplace becomes a reality. As a friend and collaborator with the LMC, I am inspired by the work they accomplished in the forty years since their genesis. My collaboration with the LMC has been one of the more rewarding aspects of my career, and I am honored to have served alongside this remarkable organization.

Throughout the years, the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City has operated upon the pillars of their values and their dedication to a larger social responsibility. Refining the concept of collective bargaining,

they used this tool of broad consensus to fight for equity and inclusivity in the larger economic and social issues present within our community. Together with their numerous partner organizations, the LMC provides a forum for community leaders and employees to work together on civic and economic issues. Examples of their noteworthy contributions to the community include their active support for accessible healthcare coverage, better public infrastructure, and broader citywide public transportation.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the Labor-Management Council of Greater Kansas City for their achievement of forty years of service in the community and their indelible mark on our society. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to Labor-Management of Greater Kansas City for their undeterred commitment to civic service and worker advocacy in our region.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAUDE FORD LEE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor my dear friend, Maude Ford Lee. Maude was a long-time civil rights activist and truly one of a kind. A native of Tallahassee, Maude spent her life advocating for equality. She participated in a bus boycott in her hometown in the 1950s. That action led Tallahassee to desegregate its public transit. She moved to West Palm Beach in the 1960s and spent decades working as a manager of county social programs. Among her many accomplishments, she was the first black candidate elected to the Palm Beach County Commission, where she served for ten years. Her husband, the late Percy Lee, ran the Urban League of Palm Beach County.

Maude lobbied for the creation of commission districts as the only way for a black candidate to win a seat in a mostly white county. Through her efforts, single-member districts were created, expanding opportunities for African Americans to run and win in those districts.

After stepping away from politics, Maude became president of the West Palm Beach chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In that role, she continued her advocacy for the needs of the African American community, working to address inequities locally and nationwide. She reveled in another first, the 2008 election of Barack Obama as president. "This is our greatest accomplishment," she told the Palm Beach Post at the time.

Madam Speaker, if there was such a thing as a community servant, than Maude Ford Lee was it. She will always be remembered for her tireless efforts to bring resources to Florida and the African American community. Her legacy of public service speaks for itself, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her. I offer my deepest condolences to Maude's family, during this extremely difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. CHEN LING KOU

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Chen Ling Kou, a devoted wife, mother, and dedicated community member who passed away after battling cancer on April 6, 2019, at the age of 55.

Chen Ling was born to En Kai Chang and Shu Chuan Yang Chang on November 5, 1963 in Cheongju-si, South Korea, the fifth of six children. Chen Ling was a brilliant student and a member of an elite study group in Seoul, South Korea, before immigrating to Los Angeles, California, with her family in 1982.

She would go on to attend California State University, Fullerton and would later marry Mr. Ming Shin Kou on February 8, 1987 in Anaheim, California. Approximately 1,200 people attended the wedding.

Chen Ling was an active member of the community of Palos Verdes Estates in my congressional district, devoting her time to various charitable causes but she was most proud of her three children and all their accomplishments. Dow Li was the first student in the history of Marymount High School to win the state of California Mock Trial competition and went on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dow Yi obtained degrees from the University of California, Berkeley and the National Taiwan University, and went on to work for Fox Entertainment. Dow Ken recently graduated from the Brentwood School, and has been accepted to the University of Southern California. A fighter throughout her life, Chen Ling bravely fought her battle with cancer for four years, accepting experimental cancer treatment in the hopes that it would help others suffering from cancer.

Chen Ling is survived by her husband and their three children. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. She will forever be remembered for her selflessness, incredible bravery, and meaningful impact on her community.

JOHN HIATT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud John Hiatt for earning the Technical Achievement Award for his development of a creative and unique mobile application (app) in the 2019 Congressional App Challenge. As a returning participant in the competition, John built an app titled "Assembly Plus" to assist with programming language that adds readability to raw assembly.

A senior at Northglenn High School, John spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing his STEM education. He built this app in less than three months which shows his perseverance and dedication to this challenge and exemplifies the character and determination the

faculty instills in the students at Northglenn High School.

I extend my deepest congratulations to John for his hard work on this project. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO BILL GOSSARD

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the life and career of Billy L. Gossard of Harrod, Ohio, who passed away last month at age 84.

Bill was born in Hardin County, Ohio, in 1934. Following his service in the Army, he worked for many years as a trucking salesman for a variety of area companies.

Bill was a proud resident of the Village of Harrod, where he opened Bill's World Famous Barbershop in 1964. He was soon elected to the Harrod Village Council, on which he served for nearly three decades.

For twenty years, starting in 1976, Bill served as mayor of Harrod. He cited his work to fund and install a village-wide sewer system as his biggest accomplishment in office. He also took great pride in acquiring land for Harrod's Railroad Heritage Park, which commemorates the village's history as a major rail town. The village recognized his many achievements with the proclamation and celebration of Bill Gossard Day in 2017.

Madam Speaker, Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janet; three children; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many extended family members. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I offer them my condolences as they remember Bill's life and his many contributions to the Village of Harrod.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 8, 2019 during roll call no. 157, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 19, Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 158, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 159, on Approving the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRATULATING OWENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STEM TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in

congratulating the Owensville High School STEM team for winning the 2019 Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" technology contest.

The Solve for Tomorrow contest, which this year was held aboard the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier in New York City, invites students from across the nation to engineer technical solutions for today's common problems. Owensville students Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, and Trey Fisher put their minds together to focus on school safety. Under the supervision of engineers from LMI Aerospace in Washington, Missouri the team developed a door latch that will keep classroom doors closed in the event of a security threat even when the door lock is broken. The Gasconade County School District has already committed to using the new latches.

For winning the contest Samsung is awarding the school district \$100,000 in technology and classroom supplies, which will be an incredible resource for our students. More importantly, with their invention Paige, Jonah, and Trey have made their fellow students much safer and given parents added peace of mind. As their representative in Congress I am very proud of their success, but as a father and grandfather I am even more grateful for their dedication and ingenuity.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Paige Tayloe, Jonah Hoffman, Trey Fisher, and Owensville High School for a job well done!

HONORING THE LEGACY OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN NEWARK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, Frederick Douglass was born into slavery but laid to rest in power. His legacy touched countless lives in countless communities across this country, including Newark, New Jersey.

Throughout Newark's history, its residents fought for the abolition of slavery and suffrage for Black people. People like the King family, whose house in Newark was part of the Underground Railroad, and people like Thomas Thompson, a black stagecoach driver who helped move people to freedom, were undeterred in the fight for Black freedom. It was leaders like them who arranged, in April of 1849, for Frederick Douglass to visit Newark and speak about Black freedom, justice, and empowerment.

Frederick Douglass' speech at the First African Presbyterian Church on Plane Street was an historic moment in the city's long history of Black self-realization, a history Newark is still writing. Plane Street, now University Avenue, is the heart of Rutgers University—Newark. It is a fitting tribute that Rutgers—Newark renamed its field on University Avenue the Frederick Douglass Field.

Rutgers—Newark has, for generations, helped empower students from Newark to seek justice and freedom through education. I am proud to represent Rutgers—Newark in Congress and commend them for recognizing Frederick Douglass' legacy in our city.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) AUXILIARY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary in Sterling, Colorado.

Sterling VFW Auxiliary No. 3541 has proudly supported veterans in our community since 1944. This chapter also received the "Buddy" Poppy VFW National Home for Children Award in 2018–2019 for member contributions to military and veteran families needing a fresh start. Their dedication continues to benefit our brave men and women in uniform.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. VFW Auxiliary President Lori Davison, Auxiliary members and volunteers should be commended.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to VFW Auxiliary No. 3541. We look forward to their continued success.

JEFFERSON LIEVENSE—ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING BOARD

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jefferson Lievense and his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board for leadership in biomanufacturing and sustainable chemicals. The National Academy of Engineering recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the field.

Mr. Lievense is currently a Senior Advisor to the CEO of Bioengineering and Technology at Genomatica. Mr. Lievense has 37 years of industrial biotechnology experience and has contributed to many important projects and achievements.

I congratulate Jefferson Lievense on his election to the National Academy of Engineering Board as it is one of the highest distinctions an engineer can receive.

COMMEMORATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE SCHOOL SHOOTING

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the tragic shooting that took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20, 1999.

Saturday marks 20 years since that horrific April day when two armed students walked on to campus and opened fire, killing 12 of their fellow classmates and one teacher, and wounding another 20 more.

The images we saw that day will live with us forever. And for those who were at the school that day when these horrific events unfolded, or who lost loved ones as a result, the pain and sadness they feel today is just as real as it was 20 years ago.

As time goes on, the memories of those we lost that day will never be forgotten. They were sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, friends and loved ones.

Each with their own story to tell. Each with their own goals and ambitions. And each with their own group of loved ones who still miss them terribly.

Cassie Bernall, who was 17 years old, was a dedicated member of her church youth group and wanted to eventually be a doctor.

Steven Curnow, at age 14, was a talented soccer player and avid Star Wars fan who had hoped to one day pilot an F-16 fighter jet.

Corey DePooter, age 17, loved fishing, and was working at a local golf course to earn enough money to one day buy his own boat.

Kelly Fleming, age 16, was a skilled writer who loved to read and dreamed of one day recording her own stories for others to read.

Matthew Kechter, age 16, was a straight-A student, who was on his way to becoming a starting lineman on the school's football team.

Daniel Mauser, age 15, was also a straight-A student and a valued member of the school's cross-country and debate teams.

Danny Rohrbough, age 15, would save all the money he earned working at his family's business to buy Christmas presents for his loved ones at the end of the year.

William "Dave" Sanders, age 47, was a beloved teacher and coach, who sacrificed his own safety that day to help more than 100 students flee to safety.

Rachel Scott, age 17, was an inspiring writer and actress who had written her diary before the attack about the importance of reaching out to those who are being picked on by others.

Isaiah Shoels, age 18, was a budding keyboardist who had dreamed of following in his father's footsteps by becoming a record producer.

John Tomlin, age 16, loved spending time with his church youth group, and planned on serving in our nation's armed forces after graduation.

Lauren Townsend, age 18, loved animals, and when she wasn't leading the girls varsity volleyball team, you could find her working after school at the local animal shelter.

Kyle Velasquez, age 16, loved ice cream and always wore a big smile. He, too, had hoped to enlist in the military one day, just like his father.

The shooting that took place at Columbine 20 years ago this weekend was, at the time, the deadliest high-school mass shooting in our nation's history; and it would likely have been much worse had it not been for the bravery shown by all those who responded to the scene that day.

The selflessness and courage many of our first responders exhibited that day, in the face of such grave danger, saved countless lives. And, while it may have been 20 years ago, we are still extremely grateful for their efforts.

We're also thankful for all those who helped our community come together in the wake of a tragedy.

People like Columbine's principal, Frank DeAngelis, whose outstanding leadership

helped students, teachers and parents, alike, overcome a tragedy.

I'll never forget watching Frank lead hundreds of students back to campus for the first time, just four months after the shooting. They were all wearing t-shirts with the words "We are Columbine" written across the front.

We. Are. Columbine. It was just three little words—but the message it sent was as powerful as any I've ever seen.

Sadly, in the 20 years since the tragic events that unfolded at Columbine that day, we have seen similar tragedies play out again and again across this country.

We can and must do more to protect our communities from the threat of gun violence.

As hundreds of friends and neighbors come together in Columbine on Saturday to honor those who were lost as a result of this tragedy, I hope we, as a nation, can also come together and recommit ourselves to enacting the commonsense solutions that we all know are needed to better protect the ones we love.

Because, as those students said 20 years ago: We are Columbine. We are all Columbine.

And we all have a responsibility to act to ensure that another tragic shooting—such as the one we saw at Columbine—never happens again.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act. My bill would permit the use of marijuana in federally assisted housing, including public housing and Section 8 housing, in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

Individuals living in federally assisted housing should not be denied admission, or fear eviction, for using a legal product. Adult use and/or medical marijuana is currently legal in 33 states and the District of Columbia, and over 90 percent of Americans support legalized medical marijuana. Under current federal law, the users of drugs that are illegal under federal law, including marijuana, are prohibited from being admitted into federally assisted housing. Moreover, federal law allows landlords to evict residents of federally assisted housing for drug use. Even the Food and Drug Administration has recently supported approving certain medication made from cannabis, including Epidiolex, which would be administered as a syrup. Epidiolex is used to treat children who suffer from seizures. Notably, the drug does not contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive component in cannabis.

For the last several years, Congress has prohibited the Department of Justice (DOJ) from using federal funds to prevent jurisdictions from implementing their medical marijuana laws. This bill would similarly allow individuals to use marijuana in federally assisted housing in compliance with the state's marijuana laws.

Under my bill, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) must also develop

regulations that restrict smoking marijuana in federally assisted housing in the same manner and to the same locations as the Secretary restricts smoking tobacco in federally assisted public housing.

HUD, like DOJ, should not be allowed to enforce federal marijuana laws where states have taken action to legalize marijuana. The Marijuana in Federally Assisted Housing Parity Act states that a person may not be denied federally assisted housing based on the use of marijuana in compliance with the marijuana laws of the state where the property is located.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM FRANKSON, JESS JOHNSON, AND LAURIE ORTEL OF ASHLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise alongside Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS and Rep. VAN TAYLOR to honor Kim Frankson, Jess Johnson, and Laurie Ortel of Ashley Elementary School in the Frisco Independent School District. At the end of last year, these North Texas school administrators used quick thinking and teamwork to help save a life 1,200 miles away.

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Texas educators for their extraordinary work and dedication. There is no doubt that they have touched the lives of students in Frisco, Waynesboro, and beyond.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH—PAUL
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HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the work and life of my April Veteran of the Month, Tulsa's Paul Andert.

Mr. Andert, a World War II veteran and Tulsa icon, has devoted the recent years of his life to telling his story to keep alive the memories of the men and women who fought and bravely served our country.

He's lent his wisdom to countless student groups, veterans organizations and churches around the country. He appeared on Glenn Beck, authored the book "Unless You Have Been There," about his war experience, and was an advisor on the 2014 World War II film *Fury*.

Mr. Andert dropped out of school at the age of 17, lying about his age in order to join the army. By the time the United States joined World War II, he was leading his own infantry platoon. Mr. Andert led by example, knowing that he could not ask his soldiers to do anything he wouldn't do himself.

Spending three years on the frontlines of the war, Mr. Andert had enough near misses with death to fill a book—one he plans to write.

At 96 years old, Mr. Andert is still running full steam ahead, pressing forward with his mission to share the stories of those who protected our country.

I am grateful for the sacrifices Mr. Andert made to serve our country, and the work he does to preserve the memory of his fellow veterans. Tulsa, and all of America, is better off because of his dedication.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAUREL
BLACKETT MIRANDA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Laurel Miranda who is receiving the Citizen of the Year and Community Care Award from the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough for her tireless work improving the lives of children of all abilities.

For twelve years, Laurel was instrumental in shaping the Hillsborough City Student District Special Education Program to include parent representation, field trips and a science overnight. It is an inclusive educational experience with opportunities on par with the General Education Program. In addition, she was active in all other aspects of school life, including the parent group boards at South and Crocker schools and Art in Action. She served as president of both the Hillsborough Schools Foundation and the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough.

Laurel's intelligence, thoughtfulness, generosity and practicality have earned her the admiration and respect of teachers, staff, parents and students alike. She knows how to get things done.

In her advocacy for children of all abilities, she co-founded Special Kids Parents Group of Hillsborough and was president for three years. The group worked collaboratively with the superintendent, the school board, the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, and APG to provide a welcoming, supportive school and community environment for families with children of all abilities. They helped launch three annual signature events: Special Kids Parents Group Kick-Off Coffee, High School Night for Parents of Special Learners, and 5th Grade Transition Coffee for Parents of Special Learners. They improved recreational opportunities with Hillsborough Recreation. And they represented HCSD to San Mateo County SELPA to share ideas and strategies across school districts. In short, Special Kids Parents Group could not have been a more effective advocate.

Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Laurel came to California and attended Miramonte High School in Orinda. While working as a camp counselor at John's Hopkins Center for Talented Youth in 1987, she met her husband Steve Miranda. In 1990, Laurel earned her BA in Quantitative Economics and English from Stanford University and in 1997, she earned her JD/MBA from UC Berkeley.

Laurel and Steve were married at Stanford Memorial Church in 1993. She had a successful career at Oracle, Wells Fargo, and Charles Schwab. In 2000, with the birth of Robert Miranda, Laurel fully devoted her time to family, advocacy for children and school activities. Isabel Miranda was born three years later and diagnosed with a rare form of epilepsy at the age of eight months. There wasn't a group Laurel wasn't involved in or a board she didn't serve on. Advocacy and community engagement are part of her DNA. In her current role as a board member of CurioDyssey, she is promoting exclusive hours and programming for kids with special needs and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask the members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize the long-lasting contributions Laurel Miranda has made to the Hillsborough City School District. She is a remarkable community leader who is effecting change in everything she touches.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM
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OF TEXAS

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud students Chloe Williams and Ella Brallier for earning the Best in Show Award for their creative and unique mobile application (app) as part of the 2019 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from the Northglenn STEM Launch School built an app titled "Safe Space" to a safe portal and resources for youth all over the world to assist with LGBTQ, teen pregnancy, eating disorders and other issues facing students today. The students of STEM Launch School spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding, further advancing their STEM education. Each team built their app in less than three months which shows their perseverance and dedication to this challenge and exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school.

I extend my deepest congratulations to these students for their hard work on this project. I am certain these students will exhibit

the same dedication and character in their future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on April 9, 2019 during roll call no. 160, on Ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 294, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1644, Save the Internet Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 2021, Investing for the People Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 161, on Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 294, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1644, Save the Internet Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 2021, Investing for the People Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was unavoidably detained during roll call no. 162, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1759, the Building on Reemployment Improvements to Deliver Good Employment for Workers Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING HANNAH EDELSTEIN FOR RECEIVING THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannah Edelstein, who has earned the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

Hannah joins a selective group of scouts, and she should be proud of this recognition. This accolade symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development.

To receive the award, a scout must first obtain four interest project patches, the Career Exploration Pin, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and complete the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Awardees also complete a Gold Project, in which scouts identify and lead a project on a pressing issue in the community.

Hannah's project focused on the needs of families affected by domestic violence in the Rio Grande Valley. I applaud her research efforts and ability to provide necessary resources at the Friendship of Women Shelter in Brownsville, Texas. She went above and beyond the expectations, raising awareness in the community and working with partners, local organizations, and fellow Girl Scout Gold Awardee—Victoria Hinojos.

A Brownsville native, Hannah leads her peers by example, excelling in academics and community service. She works with the University of Texas—Rio Grande Valley faculty to promote the conservation of the region's native Red Crowned Parrot, serves as president of the Health Occupation Students of America, and leads the Varsity Volleyball team. Despite these extracurricular endeavors, Hannah ranks number one in her class at Veterans Memorial Early College High School, Brownsville.

It is a tremendous honor to recognize Hannah Edelstein. Our district is very proud of her service, and our community benefits greatly from her leadership. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for her work, service, and accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF KIM FRANKSON, JESS JOHNSON, AND LAURIE ORTEL OF ASHLEY ELE- MENTARY SCHOOL

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